

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of : SPROAT, Martin
Serial No. : 10/656,554
Filed : September 5, 2003
For : Improved Network Service Provider
Architecture In Communications Network
Examiner : NGUYEN, Steven H D
Art Unit : 2416
Customer number : 23644
Confirmation No. : 8188
Attorney Docket No. : 41319-94756

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF DRAWING INCONSISTANCY AND AMENDMENT
UNDER RULE 312**

Honorable Director of Patents and Trademarks
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the above-identified notice, and also with respect to a requested amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.312, it is requested that the application be amended as follows: